

Edward Byrne Memorial State & Local Law Enforcement Assistance
(<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/byrne.html>)

The Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Program (Byrne Formula Grant Program) is a partnership among federal, state, and local governments to create safer communities. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is authorized to award grants to states for use by states and units of local government to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system—with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders—and enforce state and local laws that establish offenses similar to those in the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(6) et seq.).

Grants may be used to provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for more widespread apprehension, prosecution, adjudication, detention, and rehabilitation of offenders who violate such state and local laws. Grants also may be used to provide assistance (other than compensation) to victims of these offenders. Twenty-nine legislatively authorized [purpose areas](#) were established to define the nature and scope of programs and projects that may be funded under the Byrne Formula Grant Program.

Eligibility and Funding: In each state, the governor appoints a State Administering Agency (SAA) to handle the subgranting of these funds to local and state criminal justice operations. In Washington, this agency is the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. However, **5% of this total is set aside for the express purpose of funding criminal justice information systems to assist law enforcement, prosecution, courts and corrections organizations. These funds are disbursed by OFM and must be spent on:**

- completion of criminal histories to include the final disposition of all felony arrests
- full automation of all criminal justice histories and fingerprint records;
- frequent submission and improved quality of criminal history reports to the FBI;
- improvement of record systems.

FY 2003 funding is \$487,577,733. From this allocation, each state receives a base amount of 0.25 percent of the total allocation. Remaining funds are allocated according to each state's population.

How/When To Apply: Immediately after enactment of the appropriations (usually in the first quarter of the fiscal year), BJA notifies the SAAs that they have 60 days in which to submit an application. This is followed by a memo to each state that serves as an application kit and informs them of their allocation for the fiscal year. In addition to the required forms, SAAs are required to submit a 4-year violence prevention and drug control strategy. In general, BJA will make the award within 60 days of receipt of the application.

General Information about NCHIP and Byrne Five Percent Set Aside Grants

Long-Term Federal Grants (excluding one-time award programs)

	Description	Program Objectives	Approximate schedule
National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)	<p>Federal Dept. of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) awards to states and territories to improve the quality, timeliness and immediate accessibility of criminal history and related records. (Office of Financial Management (OFM) is designated Washington State recipient.)</p> <p>http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/welcome.html</p>	<p>To ensure that accurate records are available for use in law enforcement, including sex offender registry requirements, and to protect public safety and national security.</p> <p>To permit States to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ineligible firearm purchasers • persons ineligible to hold positions involving children, the elderly, or the disabled • persons subject to protection orders or wanted, arrested, or convicted of stalking and/or domestic violence • persons ineligible to be employed or hold licenses for specified positions • persons potentially presenting threats to public safety 	<p>Recently, BJS has released the announcement between February and April, allowing about six weeks before the application submittal deadline.</p> <p>Budget period begins October 1.</p>
<p>Edward L. Byrne Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (Byrne Formula Grant Program)</p> <p>Byrne Five Percent Set-Aside</p>	<p>Federal Dept of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awards for use by states and units of local government to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. (Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) is designated state-level recipient)</p> <p>Of the total state-level award, five percent is "set aside" for improvement of criminal history records. (Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) is designated recipient of Five Percent Set Aside from CTED)</p> <p>http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/byrne.html</p>	<p>To improve the functioning of the criminal justice system—with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders—and enforce state and local laws that establish offenses similar to those in the federal Controlled Substances Act.</p> <p>Five Percent Set-Aside funds are to be used for purpose area 15b: Criminal justice information systems to assist law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and corrections organizations (including automated fingerprint information systems).</p>	<p>CTED's application to BJA is due 60 days after the President signs the Commerce, Justice, and State Appropriations Act.</p> <p>OFM's proposal should be submitted to CTED by May 30 each year.</p> <p>Budget period begins July 1.</p>

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State Administration

	State Administering Agency	Who May Apply	Allocation Decisions
NCHIP Byrne Five Percent Set-Aside	Office of Financial Management (OFM)	State and local entities	Made by OFM, based on CJIA Executive Committee recommendations

Historical Application Process and Selection Criteria for NCHIP and Byrne Five Percent Set Aside Grants

Information Available Through...	Proposal Requirements	Selection Criteria
<p>Criminal Justice Grants Coordinator</p> <p>Justice Information Network Coordinator</p> <p>Members of CJIA Executive Committee</p> <p>Federal websites</p>	<p>In addition to a one-page executive summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed description of activity and relation to federal grant priorities and state strategic planning objectives; Goals, benchmarks and performance measures; Detailed budget - including amounts for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, and contracted services; and Description of match activities and calculation of match requirement (NCHIP now requires 10% match, Byrne requires 25% match). 	<p>Based on compliance with federal grant guidelines and annual strategic planning decisions of the CJIA Executive Committee. Most recent planning effort conducted during winter of 2000-2001, yielding prioritized JIN Business Outcomes in May 2001 (no planning session held in 2002):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Felony Dispositions (incl. Electronic Dispositions - depends on #5) 2. PCN/SID/ Booking: State 3. PCN: Local 4. WSP JIN Infrastructure Support (i.e., NCIC 2000) 5. Felony Sentences (includes Judgment & Sentence) 6. Booking: Local (JBRS) 7. Arrest Dispositions 8. Protection Orders (tie) 8. SID/Booking: Federal (tie) (IAFIS) 10. Misdemeanor Dispositions/Sentences (follow-on phase to #1) 11. Warrants Issued 12. Offender Status 13. Traffic Citations 14. Terms and Conditions of Release (follow-on phase to #5) 15. Warrants Serviced 16. Incident Reports <p>These two business outcomes did not receive any votes at the time:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Civil Judgments (follow-on phase to Felony Dispositions - #1)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mug Shots</p> <p>These efforts had secured funding at the time, and were not ranked:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Disposition Backlog Reduction</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Summary Offender Profile</p>

Byrne Grant Five Percent Set-Aside

FFY 2003 / SFY 2004

Estimated Expenditures July - November 30, 2003

	FFY 2003 Activity	Amount	Estimated Expenditures at 11/30/03	Balance
1	<i>Carry-forward Level</i>			
2	Administration	\$ 13,800	1,102 ¹	\$ 12,698
3	<i>Maintenance Level - continuation of prior commitments</i>			
4	.25 FTE in support of Data Exchanges, SEARCH Model	12,310	4,791	\$ 7,519
5	Feasibility Study - PA Case Management System	50,000	-	\$ 50,000
6	Livescan devices - High volume booking facilities	68,392	-	\$ 68,392
7	Backlog Elimination by December 2003 (final phase)	295,000	245,385	\$ 49,615
8	<i>Policy Level - not ongoing, not artifacts of prior decisions</i>			
9	Felony Sentence Worksheet Elimination	33,417	7,426	\$ 25,991
10	JIN Program Director	100,000	41,667	\$ 58,333
11	Totals	\$ 572,919	300,371	\$ 272,548

¹ Includes travel expenditures of \$987

Byrne - Available Funding '03 & '04 Comparison

	Actual FFY'03	Projected FFY'04	Program Variance
State Award (new funds)	9,911,953	9,847,525	
Gen'l Award	9,416,355	9,355,149	
CHRIP Dedicated	495,598	492,376	
Total Award	9,911,953	9,847,525	
Carryover			
Gen'l Award	191,522	202,823	
CHRIP Dedicated	77,321	158,470	
Total Carryover	268,843	361,293	
Available			
Gen'l Award	9,607,877	9,557,972	-49,905
CHRIP Dedicated	572,919	650,846	
Total Available	10,180,796	10,208,818	